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AND OF THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Report of the

Medical Officer of Health

G. R. THORPE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Kempston Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report for the year 1970.

The vital statistics indicate that the health of the district remains in a satisfactory state. There has been little change over the past few years.

There were 255 births, including seven illegitimate births. Six babies died under the age of one year and there were three still-births.

Deaths in the district totalled 129. These included twenty-one deaths from malignant disease, seven of them due to lung cancer. There were thirty-seven deaths from heart disease and twenty-one from cerebrovascular disease.

Deaths from lung cancer continue to cause concern. A great deal of publicity has been given to this disease and its connection with cigarette smoking. Once the habit of smoking has been formed it is often difficult to give it up. It is necessary to concentrate on advising children not to start the habit and to explain the merits of not smoking rather than to give frightening reports of what will happen if they do. It is a difficult task when they see so many others smoking and they do not understand the continued advertising of cigarettes and the absence of control over their manufacture and sale. Until the adult population changes its attitude towards smoking it will be difficult to convince children of the danger in cigarettes.

I should like to express my gratitude to the Members of the Council for their support and interest in the work of the Health Department.

My thanks are also due to the staff of the Health Department for their conscientious work during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G. R. THORPE

Medical Officer of Health

1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres): census 1961	...	1,302
Population:		
Census for 1961	...	9,190
Registrar General's estimate of home population mid-year 1970 ...	...	12,410
Number of inhabited houses	...	4,100
Rateable value (1st April 1971)	...	£635,741
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	£6,215

2. VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	127	121	248
Illegitimate	..	4	3	7
	Totals	131	124	255

Crude Birth Rate 20.5 per 1,000 home population
Adjusted Birth Rate 21.3 " " " "
(The comparability factor for the District being 1.04)

As compared with:-
Adjusted Rate for Bedfordshire 17.7 per 1,000 home population
Rate for England and Wales 16.0 " " " "

Still Births

		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	1	2	3
Illegitimate	..	-	-	-
		1	2	3

Still Birth Rate 12 per 1,000 total (live and still births)

As compared with:-

Rate for Bedfordshire 8.7 " " "
Rate for England and Wales 13.0 " " "

Deaths

		Male	Female	Total
Deaths in the District	..	30	36	66
Transferred into the District	..	35	31	66
Transferred from the District	..	1	2	3
	Totals	64	65	129

Crude Death Rate 10.4 per 1,000 home population
Adjusted Death Rate 10.4 " " " "
(The comparability factor for the District being 1.00)

As compared with:-
Adjusted Rate for Bedfordshire 10.2 per 1,000 home population
Rate for England and Wales 11.7 " " " "

Death of Infants Under One Year of Age

		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	1	4	5
Illegitimate	..	-	1	1
	Totals	1	5	6

Infant Mortality Rate 24 per 1,000 related live Births

As compared with:-
Rate for Bedfordshire 15.9 " " " " "
Rate for England and Wales 18.0 " " " " "

Deaths Connected with Childbirth

Maternal Mortality .. Nil

CAUSES OF DEATHS AT DIFFERENT

	Total all Ages		Under 4 Weeks		4 Weeks & Under 1 year	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Meningococcal infection	-	1	-	-	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	2	2	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	6	1	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	-	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other malignant neoplasms	4	2	-	-	-	-
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	-	1	-	-	-	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive disease	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic heart disease	20	10	-	-	-	-
Other forms of heart disease	5	2	-	-	-	-
Cerebrovascular disease	9	12	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	7	-	-	-	-
Influenza	-	3	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	4	-	-	-	-
Bronchitis and emphysema	7	4	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	-	3	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of digestive system	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	-	1	-	-	-	-
Congenital anomalies	-	2	-	2	-	-
Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other causes of perinatal mortality	-	1	-	1	-	-
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1	-	-	-	-
All other accidents	3	2	-	-	-	-
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total all causes	64	65	1	3	-	2

PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970

Age in Years																	
1 - 4		5 - 14		15-24		25-34		35-44		45-54		55-64		65-74		75 & over	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
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-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	4	11	5	23	14	23	37

3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Provided by the Bedfordshire County Council

Ambulance Service

The Bedfordshire County Council continues to provide ambulance services from the five stations for the whole of the Administrative County area.

Ambulance or sitting-case car transport is also available for carrying patients who are unable to travel by other means to and from hospitals or clinics when attendance for medical treatment is necessary.

In addition, the Ambulance Service undertakes the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

The Nursing Services

Chief Nursing Officer:
Miss W. Frost, Health Department, County Hall, Bedford.
Telephone: Bedford 63222

The District is adequately covered by Home Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting personnel, who operate under the supervision of the Chief Nursing Officer and her Assistants.

Domestic Help

Organisers:
Mrs. V.M. Van Berckelaer, County Hall, Bedford
Telephone: Bedford 63222
Miss K. Kelly, County Offices, Vernon Place, Dunstable.
Telephone: Dunstable 65861.

Domestic help is provided over the whole of the County in households where assistance is required. The amount of help given relates to the needs of those assisted.

4. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

No cases of diphtheria or poliomyelitis were notified during the year.

Immunisation against these diseases and whooping cough and tetanus is carried out during the first year of life.

In addition to these diseases, protection is offered against measles and tuberculosis. Recently girls are being given injections against rubella (German measles). If this disease occurs during the early months of pregnancy, it can have serious effects on the unborn baby. Girls aged fourteen years and thirteen years are being protected and in future this will be offered to girls reaching their twelfth year.

Occasional cases of dysentery and food poisoning occur, but no serious outbreak took place during the year. When the patient is a food handler it is necessary to exclude the person from work to ensure that the disease is not passed to others.

(a) Notification by Age Group

Disease	0 - 4	5 - 14	15 and over	Age Unknown	Total
Measles	14	5	-	1	20
Scarlet fever	-	10	-	-	10
Whooping cough	1	3	-	2	6
Infective jaundice	-	1	2	-	3

(b) Tuberculosis in Age Groups

Age	New cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-35 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35-65 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Over 65 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-

Number on Register at End of Year

			Male	Female
Pulmonary		..	10	8
Non-Pulmonary	..	..	1	3

5. MASS RADIOGRAPHY

A mobile x-ray unit, provided by the Mass Radiography Service of the Regional Hospital Board, visits the Market Place, Bedford, each Thursday from 2.15 to 3.45 pm., and during this period patients sent by general practitioners can be x-rayed.

6. CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS

Section 85 of the Public Health Act 1936 refers principally to school children with head lice infestations and these are dealt with by the Health Visitors as a matter of routine.

7. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 - Section 47

Section 47 of the National Assistance Act provides for the removal to hospital or Part III accommodation on a Court Order, of sick or old people who are unable to look after themselves. It was not found necessary to use this legislation during the year.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Water Supply

Adequate supplies of water have been maintained throughout the District by the Bedfordshire Water Board. The Kempston Urban District is supplied from the Bedford River Ouse Source.

Report of the

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor

S. BENTHAM, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

To THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my ninth contribution to the Annual Report.

Housing work again figured prominently in the department's activities, with a great deal of time being devoted to the Newtown area in respect of which "General Improvement Area" proposals were under consideration. The increased improvement grants introduced by the Housing Act 1969, together with the subsequent publicity, have certainly stimulated the interest of owners of older properties in need of improvements and repair, but the number of applications received was disappointing. Unless the owners of older properties can be encouraged to repair and recondition them, many of the sub-standard properties will in due course, fall within the category of unfit houses to be dealt with by demolition or closure. Implementation of the General Improvement Area proposals with associated environmental improvements carried out by the Council will, I feel sure, give further inducement to owners to improve their properties within the area. In this way, a substantial part of the older housing in Kempston could be given a new lease of life.

The Council's five year slum clearance programme 1964-1969 was completed and a schedule of a further 51 houses to be dealt with as unfit houses during the period 1969-1973 was approved by the Council.

It will be seen from the section of the report dealing with meat inspection that the number of animals slaughtered at the private abattoir in the district increased considerably during the past year. Having regard to the proposed improvements to the abattoir, it is likely that the number of animals slaughtered will further increase, necessitating an increase in inspectors' time spent on this service.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Committee for their support, encouragement and interest shown in the work of the department, to the Medical Officer of Health and other Chief Officers for their co-operation, and to my staff for the loyal and conscientious manner in which they have carried out their duties.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

S. BENTHAM

Chief Public Health Inspector

1. ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA

(a) Drainage and Sanitation

Only six premises in the more inaccessible parts of the District and one permanent caravan site are not connected to public sewers. All but one of these are connected to satisfactory private drainage systems, i.e. cesspools or septic tanks.

There were 83 blockages investigated in the course of the year, of these 72 were cleared informally, either by Council maintenance staff or by owners.

It was, however, found necessary to serve eleven notices to effect the clearance of stoppages.

Summary of Notices

No. of Blockages: 83

Public Health Act 1936 Sec. 24 Notices: 11 (Repairs executed by Council)

(b) Sewage Disposal

Four reports were received from the Officers of the Great Ouse River Authority on final effluent samples from the Council's sewage disposal works.

One sample received an unsatisfactory report but the cause was rectified and the remaining reports were satisfactory.

(c) Public Cleansing

On the whole, the refuse collection service was maintained throughout the year on a weekly basis. Difficulties were, however, experienced on a number of occasions, and towards the end of the year, the Council authorised Consultants to carry out a Feasibility Study with a view to the introduction of a productivity scheme embracing all the Council's manual employees.

(d) Civic Amenities Act 1968

In 1970 ten vehicles were received at the sewage works and depot. Of this number eight were voluntarily surrendered by their owners.

(e) Inspection of Premises

The following table is an analysis of inspections carried out by the Public Health Inspectors:-

Food and Drugs Acts	1969	1970
Grocers	36	56
Greengrocers	11	9
Slaughterhouse	1	1
Butchers	13	21
Confectioners	9	22
Bakers	16	13
Licenced Premises	7	16
Cafe and Restaurants	16	36
Fish and Chip Shops	4	9
Canteens	4	12
Icecream Premises	37	25
Icecream Samples	20	9
Meat Inspections	337	365
Unsound Food	25	35
Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles	29	20
	565	649

Housing Acts		
Repairs	30	16
Individual Unfit	44	33
Clearance Areas	123	29
Improvement Areas Survey	291	186
Improvement Grants	28	185
Overcrowding	3	3
	519	452

Public Health Acts	1969	1970
Repairs	89	1
Drainage Obstructions	56	83
Drain Test and Inspections	63	-
Other Nuisances	25	38
Infectious Diseases	103	3
Refuse Collection	5	9
Refuse Disposal	4	2
Verminous Premises	2	6
Pest Control	26	4
Swimming Pools	13	-
Flooding	1	-
Accumulation of Rubbish	9	10
Entertainment Licences	1	1
Sewage Disposal	3	2
Sewerage	4	-
Noise Abatement	35	15
Caravans	11	7
Water Courses	2	-
	452	181

Clean Air Acts	36	49

Factories Act 1961		
Mechanical	10	7
Non-Mechanical	1	1
Outworkers	1	1
	12	9

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	90	108
Petroleum (Consolidation) Act 1928	97	83

Miscellaneous	1969	1970
Civic Amenities & Abandoned Vehicles	-	29
Public Health Lab. Court etc.	133	137
Immigration	5	12
Total	138	178

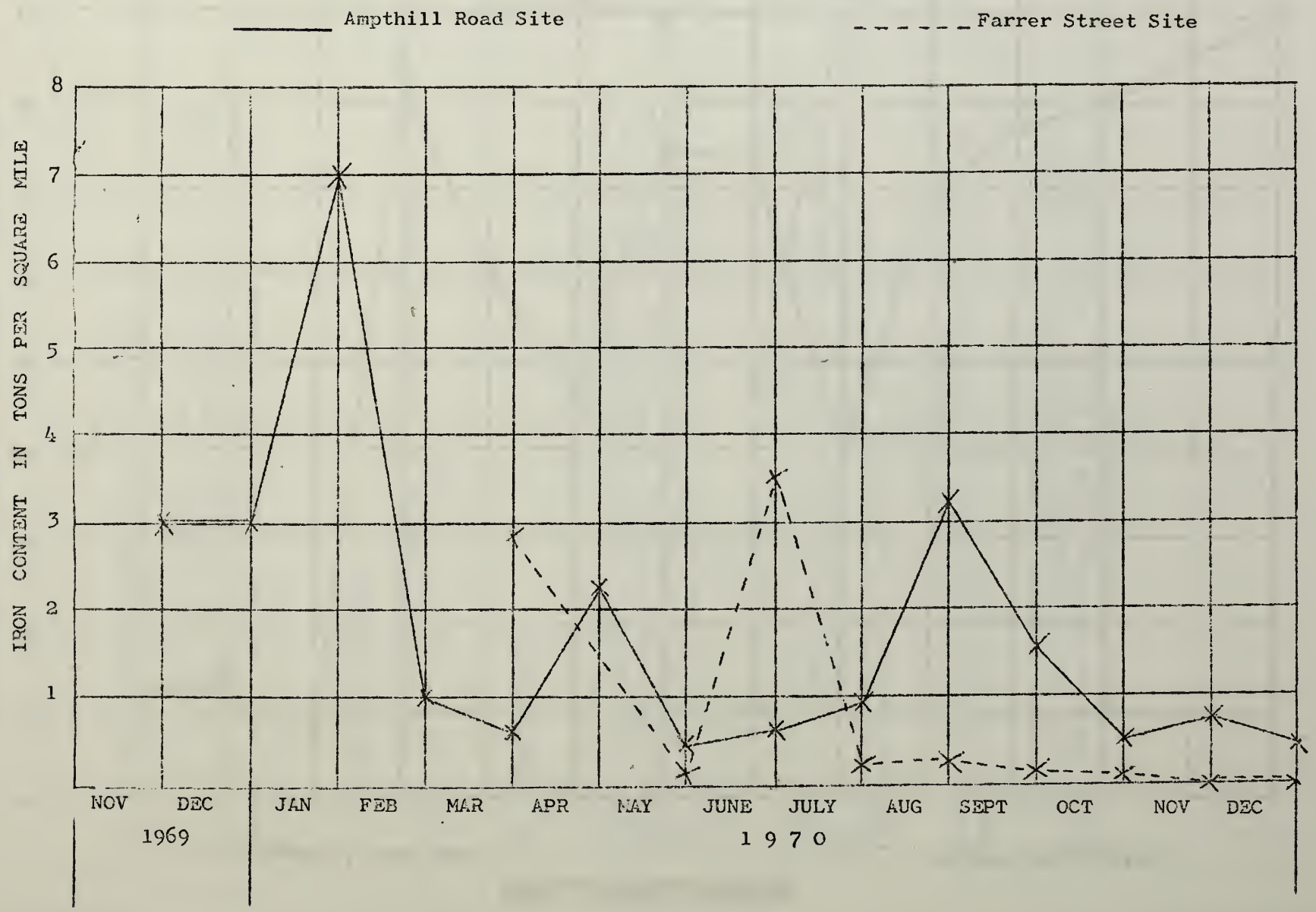
(f) Clean Air Acts

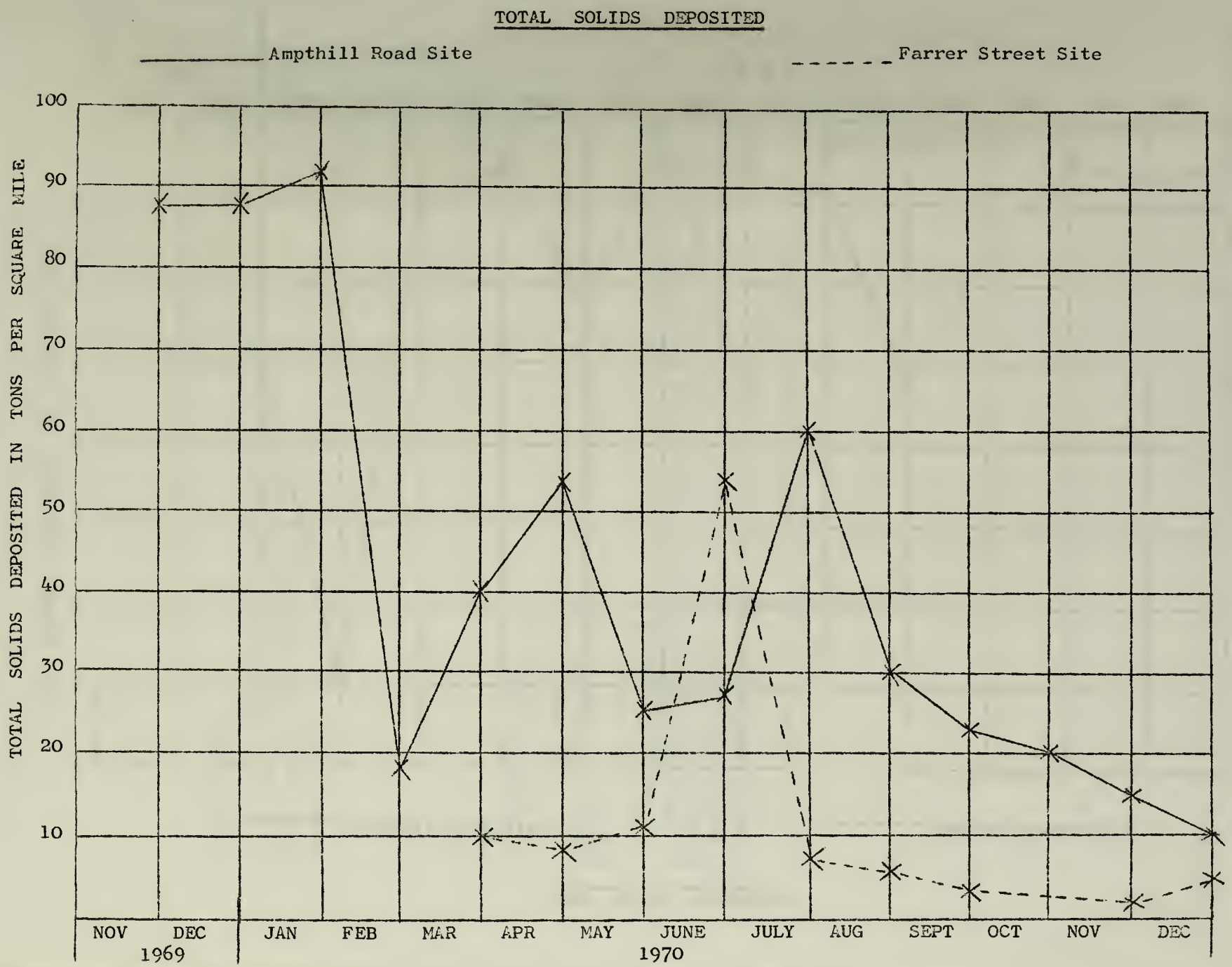
In 1969 complaints were received regarding deposits from a foundry and deposit gauges were positioned at two sites in the district.

Through the course of this year these gauges have been retained for monitoring purposes and have shown that the results of discussions with the owners, and regular overhaul and maintenance of plant by their staff, have resulted in a considerable reduction of deposits within the area.

The graphs over give an indication of this success.

IRON OXIDE DEPOSITS




TOTAL SOLIDS DEPOSITED
Ampthill Road Site
Farrer Street Site
TOTAL SOLIDS DEPOSITED IN TONS PER SQUARE MILE
100
90
80
70
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(g) Petroleum (Consolidation) Act and Regulations

During the year 83 inspections were carried out. Twenty informal notices were served on owners requiring various works to be done to bring their premises up to the standards adopted by the Council in 1969. Twenty-four licences were in force at the end of the year.

(h) Scrap Metal Workers

Two persons,operating from two sites in the district, are registered as scrap metal dealers.

(i) Slaughterhouses

During the year the only privately licenced slaughterhouse within the area changed ownership and now serves not only shops within this area but other parts of Bedfordshire and London. The new owners have submitted a modernisation scheme to provide enlarged cooling and freezing spaces, better facilities for on and off loading of meat as well as generally improving the slaughterhouse and lairage.

All animals slaughtered were inspected and stamped before leaving the slaughterhouse by the Council's Inspectors. The quality of animals slaughtered was generally of high standard and this was evident in that the total throughput of cattle and pigs slaughtered increased by 777 and the quantity of meat rejected as unfit fell from 7.5 tons to 6.75 tons.

The inspection charges made in respect of each carcase amounted in total to £470 which to a large extent offset the cost of this vital service.

The number of animals suffering from parasitic conditions of the liver has decreased while cattle affected with Cysticercus Bovis has risen from 1.4% to 2.74%. Pigs affected with T.B. remained constant at 0.98%.

2. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(i) Meat Inspection

	Cattle (excluding) Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number slaughtered and inspected.	2,050	20	2	2,087	4,471
CONDEMNATIONS					
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercosis					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	7	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	788	8	-	156	1,038
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis.	38.43%	40%	-	7.81%	23.21%
Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	44
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.98%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	44	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	14	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected.	2.14%	-	-	-	-

Condemnations — Weight in lbs.

Disease	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Pork
Absecesses	1,284	-	8	64
Actinomycosis	84	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	-	-	30
Brucellosis	105	-	-	-
C. Bovis	1,867	-	-	-
Congestion	42	-	4	114
Contamination	274	-	13	4
Emaciation	-	-	40	-
Emphysema	27	-	-	-
Fevered Comdition	60	-	-	9
Food Aspiration	1,004	-	1	11
Cirrhosis	2,544	-	3	36
Hydronephrosis & Retention Cysts	-	-	-	1
Nephritis	2	-	-	1
Oedema & Bruising	-	-	-	39
Parasites & Cysts	3,260	-	201	2,395
Pericarditis	5	-	-	10
Peritonitis	2	-	2	21
Petechia	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia & Pleurisy	120	-	25	929
Telengiectasis	36	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	13	450
	10,716	-	310	4,114

(ii) Food Premises and Food Control

There are eighty-seven premises to which the Food Hygiene General Regulations apply. All these premises are inspected regularly. A total of twenty-four letters were sent, many of which were in connection with contraventions.

The routine bacteriological sampling of icecream resulted in a higher standard of icecream generally, only one sample was found to be unsatisfactory.

Number of Food Handling Premises in the Area

		Type of Premises	No. of Premises
(a)	Shops	Bakers	3
		Butchers	7
		Confectioners	6
		General Provisions	31
		Fish and Chips	4
(b)	Catering Establishments	Cafes & Restaurants (including "Take Away" food shops)	4
		Works Canteens	9
		School Canteens	6
(c)	Licensed Premises		11
(d)	Dairy Depots		1
(e)	Wholesale Warehouses		5

Total number of food premises - 87

Premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act 1955

Registered premises for sale of icecream	-	35
Registered for cooked meat or sausage manufacture	-	11

(iii) Condemned Food 1970

The following unsound food was surrendered voluntarily and condemned.

	Tons	Cwts	lbs.
Meat at Slaughterhouse	6	15	21
Canned meat		2	75
Canned fish			42
Canned fruit, vegetables & liquids		18	68
	7	16	94

(iv) Unsound Food

Two complaints of unsound food were made to the department during the year concerning a tin of baked beans in tomato sauce, and a tin of baby food.

Both cases were thoroughly investigated but no evidence of unfitness could be substantiated.

3. HOUSING

New Houses

The following table shows the number of dwellings completed for occupation over the last twelve years:-

Year	Kempston U.D.C.	Private Enterprise	Total
1959	14	35	49
1960	24	43	67
1961	-	16	16
1962	-	19	19
1963	-	39	39
1964	53	237	290
1965	119	166	285
1966	38	142	180
1967	8	73	81
1968	71	145	216
1969	4	178	182
1970	-	183	183
	331	1,276	1,607

Unfit Houses

At the beginning of the year, a report was submitted to the Housing and Slum Clearance Committee, setting out a recommended Slum Clearance Programme for 1970-73. This programme, comprising 51 houses, was approved by the Council and submitted to the then Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Demolition of the block of condemned properties in Bunyan Road included in the last programme was completed.

Proposed General Improvement Area.

During 1969 and the earlier part of the year under review, all properties within a proposed General Improvement Area bounded by Bedford Road, Spring Road, Springfield Avenue and Bunyan Road were inspected to determine the extent to which improvements and/or repairs were required. Information was also obtained regarding ownership, occupancy, including numbers of children and aged persons, vehicle ownership and the availability of garaging and parking facilities.

This basic information was subsequently included in a preliminary report which was submitted to the Council jointly with the County Planner towards the end of the year. The Council decided, before committing itself to any proposals, to test public reaction, and for this purpose the staging of a public exhibition, to be held early in 1971, was authorised.

Standard and Discretionary Grants 1970

A total of 18 applications were approved compared with eight in the previous year. This is a considerable increase, but dwellings are still not being improved and repaired in sufficient numbers to arrest the decay of the older housing stock in the district. It is hoped that the Council's policy to assist so far as possible, with the modernisation of houses, together with the General Improvement Area proposals, will give a new impetus and encourage owners to improve their properties.

Application for grants were received and dealt with as follows:-

Standard Grants

Applications	-	Received	- 8
	-	Withdrawn	- 1
	-	Approved	- 7
	-	Completed	- 3

Discretionary Grants

Applications	-	Received	- 11
	-	Approved	- 11
	-	Completed	- 5

Total amount paid in Grants £1,971.4. 4d.

Overcrowding

There were no cases of statutory overcrowding during the year.

4. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

The following table shows the work undertaken during the year. The pests dealt with included rats, mice, wasps, beetles, mites and flies.

	No. of Properties Inspected	No. of Properties found to be infested	No. of Notices served under Sec. 4	No. of treatments carried out	
				By Council's Operator	Voluntarily by Occupier
Local Authority's Property	11	1	-	9	-
Dwelling Houses	79	79	-	141	-
Business Premises	18	18	-	77	-
Agricultural Property	-	-	-	-	-

All domestic properties received free treatment. A small charge was made in respect of business premises.

5. FACTORIES ACT 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

(a) Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	Nil	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	74	7	2	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding outworkers Premises).	5	1	-	-
TOTALS	79	8	2	Nil

(b) Cases in which Defects were found

	No. of Cases in which defects were found		Referred		No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork).	3	3	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	6	-	-	-

(c) Outworkers

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of Out Workers	No. of Cases of Default in Sending Lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for Failure to supply Lists	No. of Instances of Work in Unwholesome Premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Leather-work	5	- -	-	-	-	-

6. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Administration of this Act continued to account for a large portion of working time. Although all premises were provided with the basic facilities, constant checks were necessary to ensure that the requirements of the Act were being observed.

No accidents were reported during the year.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during 1970	Total No. of Premises registered	No. of Premises which received general inspections	No. of Persons employed
Offices	5	33	19	698
Retail Shops	-	60	50	195
Wholesale Shops	-	3	3	23
Catering Establishments and Warehouses open to the public	Nil	6	3	11
TOTALS	5	102	75	927 (318 males) (609 females)

SUMMARY OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Cleanliness	12
Temperature	3
Ventilation	3
Lighting	2
Sanitary Convenience	1
Washing Facilities	3
Floors, Passages, Stairs	3
First Aid	3
Other Matters	8
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7. CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

There is one site licenced for sixty-six caravans in the District.

The few problems which occurred, were of a minor nature and were quickly dealt with on an informal basis.